



Superior Court of California County of Orange

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Probate Court Volunteers “The Eyes and Ears of the Court” Recognized for Their Work

Orange, Ca. - The lives of the elderly and developmentally disabled who are placed in a court ordered conservatorship in Orange County have an added assurance of quality care because of the dedicated work of the nine volunteers who were honored today at the Lamoreaux Justice Center in Orange, said Orange County Superior Court Presiding Judge C. Robert Jameson.

The Volunteers C.A.R.E. (Court Assistants Reaching Out With Empathy) founding members Carleton F. Saunders Jr, of Santa Ana, Marvin H. Lottman, M.D., of Villa Park, John E. McLaughlin, of Fullerton, Robert D. Buelow, of Anaheim, and John C. Scott, Jr., of Santa Ana received special recognition for their countless hours spent researching records and the hundreds of visits made to personal residences, board and care and nursing facilities to check on the health and welfare of individuals who have been placed in the care of a conservator. Newer volunteers to the program include: Janice L. Carson, of Anaheim Hills, Jean McGaw, of Fullerton, George Tiffany, of Yorba Linda, Eileen Gold, of Anaheim, and Marie E. Weber, of Santa Ana.

Founded in 1995, The program uses retired volunteers to assist the court in researching case files, recruiting and coordinating other volunteers, and making visits to board and care facilities in between the legally mandated investigations by the Court Investigator. Though the volunteers do not have enforcement authority, they are beneficial in that they help identify “at risk” cases because they are additional eyes and ears for the court. Any problems that are detected by the volunteers are immediately reported to a Court Investigator for further follow-up or action. In addition to the humanitarian value, the work of the volunteers has resulted in an estimated savings to the court of

more than \$55,000.

Volunteers are required to attend a one and one-half day training program that focuses on the responsibilities of the volunteer as an assistant to the court, ethics, confidentiality, standards of care, and factors and issues in adult abuse and neglect. The next training is scheduled for September 14th and 15th. For further information regarding the Volunteers C.A.R.E. Program, contact the Volunteer Coordinator Carleton Saunders at (714) 935-6375

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